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Arrest of Organized Identity Thieves

On 10-21-13 a fraud involving counterfeit credit cards was reported by Best Buy on SW Cascade in Beaverton. As a result of this investigation and in cooperation with the United States Secret Service and Port of Portland Police Department, three suspects were taken into custody at the Portland Airport on 10-23-13.

The suspects are identified as Daviel Brown 28 years of age from Oakland, California, Robert Lee Brown 35 years of age from Oakland, California, and Blake Littles 23 years of age from Pixley, California.

Over 200 counterfeit credit cards, gift cards, fake driver's licenses, and merchandise from Metro Area businesses. This merchandise was purchased using the counterfeit credit cards and was recovered from the suspect vehicle. We also seized over \$5,000.00 in cash as well as a credit card embosser, an electronic credit card encoder, and a card tipping machine.

All three suspects are being held on \$250k bail and charged with Aggravated ID Theft and Theft 1. Daviel Brown and Robert Brown are also being held on outstanding felony warrants out of California for the same type of crimes. This is probably Beaverton's largest counterfeit credit card case to date where the tools to manufacture the counterfeit credit cards were recovered.

This investigation is a reminder of how important it is for all of us to do everything we can to protect our identity. Below are just a few tips that can help with this important task.

- Shred all documents that contain personal information like account numbers, social security number and all the pre-approved credit card applications that come in the mail.
- Check with the three credit reporting agencies at least once a year.
- Monitor your banking and credit card accounts for any unusual activity.
- Report any unauthorized activity immediately to your bank or Credit Card Company.

To help our community avoid being victims of Identity theft the Beaverton Police Department offers free document shredding events. The next event is scheduled for December 14, 2013. You can find the details on our web page and Facebook page.

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